

Food Safety Training:

Typically there are two levels of food safety training. The first level is often referred to as Food Handler Class and is designed to meet the basic food safety needs of food handlers on the front line. The Springfield-Greene County Health Department offers a food handlers class on a monthly basis in our classroom at 227 E. Chestnut Expressway. Requests can also be made to have a class taught on location at a food establishment. View our [events calendar](#) to find upcoming class dates and registration information for the Food Handler Safety Class. Click on the next class date to register. Registration is required. If you have problems registering online, please call (417) 864-1667. At this time, there is no charge for this training.

There are other opportunities to get staff trained in basic food safety. Recently the Springfield-Greene County Health Department partnered with StateFoodSafety.com to provide on-line food safety training. The course costs \$10.00 and at the successful completion of the on-line test, a certificate will be printed with our department logo. This class is offered in five languages: English, Korean, Mandarin, Spanish and Vietnamese. At this time, the health department is not charging for this training so only the \$10.00 charged by the training company is required.

The second more intense level of food safety training is often referred to as **Food Protection Manager Certification**. The 2009 FDA model food code requires under 2-102.11 that:

The PERSON IN CHARGE shall demonstrate their knowledge in food safety by being a certified FOOD protections manager who has shown proficiency of required information through passing a test that is part of an ACCREDITED PROGRAM.

**This is just one of the ways to meet the demonstration of knowledge, refer to the code item listed above for additional information.*

Currently there are four ANSI approved exams that will meet the criteria listed above, they are:

- National Registry (NRFSP)
- Prometric
- ServSafe
- 360 Training

All of these exams must be proctored in order to receive this certification. Training for these exams can be accomplished through a number of training programs as long as the accepted exams listed above are used. Although the Springfield-Greene County Health Department **does not offer training at this level**, StateFoodSafety.com does have on line manager certification available. The training alone is \$58.00 or the training plus the Prometric Food Protection Manager Exam is \$108.00. Prometric has testing centers are located all over the country and there is one located in Springfield.

There are several other resources in the Springfield community for preparing for one of the exams listed above. [Missouri State University](#) (BMS 338) and [Ozarks Technical Community College](#) are two resources you should check if you need certification options. You may also want to visit the [Serv Safe website](#).